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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Joseph Vanniasinkam et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2877  
Application No.: 10/028,419 ) Examiner: Kevin C. Kianni  
Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
For: GRATING BASED )  
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER )  
COMPONENT )

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated October 7, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-16, and 23 drawn to diffraction grating providing angularly separated beams on the external surface of the diffraction grating, classified in class 385, subclass 37;

Group II - Claims 17-22, drawn to injection molding a part having three sections wherein the diffraction grating is formed in the first section, classified in class 385, subclass 10.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16 and 23 drawn to diffraction grating providing angularly separated beams on the external surface of the diffraction grating, classified in class 385, subclass 37.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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